



A telephone conversation **1/25/2011** - Stephan Gola

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Stephen speaks:

"I have received insight into 1 Corinthians 13, ---Things that bothered me all my life, you hear it over and over, but you really don't know the deep truth of it.

You remember Paul was talking about the gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:31) and that he was going to show us "a more excellent way", a better way to receive and flow in the things of God---and that is to walk in love? Remember that? And in Songs of Solomon, the Lord's showing me that the man was saying that his wife was intoxicating to him and just looking at her would, you know, she couldn't get away. And the same intoxicating love was with her for with him. That's the same relationship that God is looking for with us. It's an intoxicating love relationship with each other.

In 1 Corinthians as you get down to the bottom it says love never ends or love never fails or it never ceases to stop operating---meaning, God doesn't stop operating, He never comes to an end because God is Love. And at the end of the chapter it says, "these three abide, faith and hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." Now I finally understand why Paul put that there. What in the world does that have to do with what was just said? These three remain, or these three abide? And he said love never ends.

So in between those two scriptures, verse 8 and verse 13, it says, as for prophecies, they will end, they will cease, and the same for languages and knowledge. But when the perfect or the complete comes, the partial or incomplete is done away with. When I was a child, I spoke as a child but when I became a man I put away childish things. So between verse 8 of love never fails or never ends, and verse 13 of these three abide, faith, hope and love, it talks about a "part." I understand what they're talking about now. They're talking about prophecies, knowledge and being a child as all being only a part of the whole. Meaning, a prophecy is a part that we speak or read, knowledge is a part that we understand here on earth but when the full knowledge, the full understanding, the fullness of it comes, the fullness of maturity of itself, you no longer have a part of the maturity or a part of the whole but rather the whole thing. So love never ends, meaning, it's a whole. These three abide at the bottom: faith, hope and love. They are not in part. They are manifested in the earth through God in Christ Jesus as a whole in---its fullness. So those three are full: Love is full, faith is full and hope is full. These full things are "complete" things because they're not in part, they're not given in part, they're in full. And That the greatest of all those three full things is love.

Now, what we look into is a mirror. The reason it's a mirror is because we see Self. Self is our part; Self is that incomplete part of the whole. So when we see in a mirror, Self; Self is that incomplete part. So after we get rid of Self, we start seeing the whole picture, face-to-face, we see a complete thing. That's why love never ends, because it's a complete thing. So when the thing that is in part, whether its understanding or your language or whatever it is; when you get the whole piece you're no longer limited. You're no longer in Self; you no longer see a mirror. You're no longer immature and that's what it's talking about, the whole thing. Being in part, is looking at Self. Getting out of Self and seeing the bigger picture is in God, in Christ. Then you start seeing with His eyes and hearing with His ears, and understanding with His heart and believing with His faith, the faith of God. And this is when, in Isaiah 58 He says, "Is not this the fast that I've chosen;" meaning, a fasted life, a fast of Self. You're fasting away Self. You're right to mumble and grumble and point the finger and argue and fuss and complain, whine, and do your own thing. And as it says in the Holman Christian Standard Bible "don't talk too much". All these things are Self rights! So when you do away with Self, He says "before you ask, I'll be there."

And He says, (Isaiah 58.8) "Your righteousness will go before you and the glory of the Lord, My Presence, will be your rearguard." He's saying that once you get into that place, being out of Self, your righteous acts are actually your frontal protection and the Spirit of the Lord is your rear protection, or His Presence. And even in John 15:4

(Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itSelf, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.)

it says that if you abide in Me and My words remain in you then (John 14:23)

(Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.)

"We'll come make our home with you," which means, words that remain; words that live in you are words that are not rejected. His thoughts, His ways, His acts, His deeds. Meaning Self will always have the right to reject those words. So without Self, as soon as you look in the mirror and you don't see "your" Self anymore, you see face-to-face with Love "Himself". Everything is now clear and you have the "big picture" (God) in your mind---not the mind of the flesh---self. Jesus Said, " It's My Father's desire that you bear much fruit"; that's what I want you to do. Whatever you ask, it's done. Now it's not asked in a way that's based on a part. And a part is always based on Self. And Self is always based on limitations, and limitations are based on not being able to see outside of your own ability of what you've experienced, grown and learned, which means its always going to be a detriment to the whole." And that's what I saw."